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PACIFIC MECHANICAL CORPORATION CO MYERS, INC. GENERAL ENGINEERING CONTRA OB 215 TEMP. BYPASS STRUCTURE

February 3, 2005

CC Myers, Inc. 51 Macalla Road San Francisco, CA 94130

Attention:

**Bob Coupe** 

Fax: 415-399-0587

Reference:

Temporary Bypass Structure

Caltrans Contract #04-0120R4

Subject:

Cost of Alternate Pipe Routing

Dear Mr. Coupe,

We just received a faxed copy of the Letter from Caltrans on the subject topic and we do not concur with the statements made therein. We urge Caltrans to reconsider their position on the request for additional compensation on the request on the basis of the information below.

The alternate routing was recommended by CALTRANS at our last meeting with them. As decided at the meeting, we revised our drawings to show the different routing. The new pipe routing is suspended from structural steel members rather than on top of the guardrail as we originally bid the work. As we discussed, there is no provisions in the bid documents that precluded us from running the pipe on top of the guardrail and our previous design meet the requirements of the Plans Specifications.

This alternate routing causes cost increases of three types:

- Additional Design and Detailing Costs- to revise and resubmit drawings. 1.
- Additional Material Costs for Additional Supports Steel Beams and Brackets- the CALTRANS proposed support scheme requires additional support beams and brackets not part of our original design and original
- Additional Labor and equipment costs to erect piping in a more difficult area- Our original design to piping on the top of the quardrail provided for a relatively easy pipe erection as the piping was ran at grade and with an easy access. The CALTRANS proposed routing is in a area with no access. It is in most cases off the 8 to 10 feet of f the side of deck in mid air. There is no safe access and will require additional labor and equipment to safely access the pipe and to handle and erect it in this difficult area. This will significantly increase our erection costs for the 300 pipe.

Please issue a change order to cover for these additional expenses.

Very truly yours,

Pierre Bigras Project Manager